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Interstate 10 Construction Update No Closures Over the Holidays

Upcoming Restrictions

There are no construction-related closures or restrictions planned for the next two weeks along I-10 in observance of the holidays. ADOT is advising travelers to allow extra travel time, especially during the traditionally busy days before and after Christmas Day and New Year's Day. While no construction-related closures are scheduled, drivers are advised to drive safely through existing work zones.

In early January, expect closures or restrictions at 99th Avenue, 107th Avenue and Dysart Road as bridge work is completed.

Project Information

The I-10 Improvement Project will provide additional lanes between Verrado Way and Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway). The freeway expansion includes widening the existing median and adding outside lanes to improve east/west traffic flow in the West Valley.

This project is one of the first elements of the Regional Transportation Plan and is funded

through a voter-approved sales tax to improve and construct new transportation options in Maricopa County through 2025. More information on the *Regional Transportation Plan* is available at www.ValleyFreeways.com.

ADOT strives to inform the public about planned freeway restrictions. As with any complex construction project, there is a possibility that severe weather or other unforeseen difficulties may result in unscheduled closures or restrictions.

Please visit the ADOT <u>Web site</u> for the most current information about planned and ongoing I-10 restrictions.

Work Zone Safety

Safety is a vital part of the ongoing construction process. It is important to plan ahead for restrictions and to slow down in the work zone. Drivers and pedestrians are responsible for staying alert and obeying traffic laws; including signage, traffic barricades and flaggers within construction work zones. Most importantly: *slow down in the work zones*. The speed limit on I-10 has been reduced to 55 mph in work zones for the project duration. The reduced speed limits are intended to protect drivers, passengers and workers in the work zone. Please click here for additional safety tips.

- For general information about I-10 improvements, contact the I-10 project hotline at 602.288.9919 or ADOT@policydevelopmentgroup.com.
- For information on construction activities, contact Lars Jacoby at 602.712.7176 or LJacoby@azdot.gov.
- For traffic updates across Arizona, visit ADOT's Travel Information Site at www. az511.gov or call 5-1-1

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